

PROVINCIAL NEWS

CHATHAM, Dec. 24.—Christmas is again upon us, and the evidences of festivity and good-will are visible on all sides. Trade has brightened up in a very apparent manner, and already we have the "advanced guard" as to the coming of the home-coming column which is a special attraction at the family circle at this festive Christmas time.

A poor Frenchman, an old-France man, of the "jeune France" had a very narrow escape from drowning last Saturday evening. He attempted to cross the river at the ferry slip, and in trying to effect a landing on the north side he got into the water caused by the tide being at flood, having left the boat in trying to reach the shore. His cries were heard in town, and Cal in Craig, janitor of the town hall, with Alex. Perry and one or two others, went to his relief. They arrived barely in time to effect a rescue of the poor fellow, who was then in a very critical state, his mouth being just clear of the surface of the water. The party managed to drag the unfortunate man out of his perilous position, and carried him to Chatham side, but before they reached the town hall his clothing was frozen stiff and had to be cut from off his body. He was tenderly cared for by Mr. Craig at the town hall, and after considerable effort he was restored to consciousness, and was nearly recovered from the effects of his cold bath.

The lecture of Rev. Mr. Lane upon the South African campaign was delivered here on the 18th inst. Those who were present were delighted both with the lecture and the manner of its delivery, and it is to be hoped he may come again and either deliver the same lecture or give an additional description of his experiences during the war.

Operations in the lumber woods are in full swing, so with the favorable conditions a large quantity of logs is being yarded, and the outlook for a large cut is bright, the snow in the woods averaging about fifteen inches.

Hunting parties, in quest of big game, are frequently out, but with the very considerable size has yet been brought in.

Many members of our teaching staff have gone away to spend the holidays with friends abroad.

We had a visit from Sgt. Major Cox, brother of Dr. Cox, who took such a prominent part in South Africa. The gallant hero made a very favorable impression here. He was accompanied by a brother and two cousins.

K. R. McLennan, light-keeper at Point Beaumais, was in town last week for a few days. Clyde Johnston is home from Moncton for a few holidays.

Known on Sunday evening it became known to our citizens that Private "Bob" Ward of the first contingent was on a special train with the western men returning home, and would be at Newcastle station at eleven o'clock. So every team that could be procured was at once harnessed up and an impromptu reception committee proceeded to Newcastle to bring home our good boy "Bob." Mayor Loggie with several of the aldermen, some officers of the regiment and a host of friends of all classes made up the party which met Ward at the station at Newcastle and made a triumphant midnight entry with him to his native town. The Citizens' band met the cavalcade at the outskirts of Chatham and escorted the procession to the residence of the widowed mother of our hero in Chatham. The meeting between the lad and his family was very affecting, and many of our leading citizens who were present to bid him welcome were much impressed by the scene of which the rugged and hearty, though modest and retiring young soldier was the central figure. It being now nearly one o'clock on Monday morning the band played several lively airs and the crowd, now increased to several hundreds in number, let itself loose in the heartiness of its welcome, cheer after cheer went up to the midnight stars, and on the appearance of the young hero to thank them all the dingiest corner of the neighborhood was started by the vigorous cries of welcome. And why not? Now we have one of our own sons who "played the game" through all the campaign, and Chatham only does her duty by giving him a right hearty and cordial welcome, and that function of welcome has only just begun. Well done brave boy! Many a happy Christmas may you spend and may you always merit the approval of good and loyal subjects of the Queen.

Today the town is decorated with flags and festoons of gaily colored drapings, and Ward is the hero of the hour.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 24.—Ex-Warden John Rutherford of Manners-Boston died at his home on Friday last from pneumonia. Deceased was 70 years of age, and was one of the most widely known and influential residents of his parish. He was a native of England. An invalid widow, three sons and two daughters survive. Mrs. John Harvey of this city is a sister of deceased. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended.

While walking on York street this morning Frank Kilburn was run over by a horse and sleigh and quite badly hurt. The driver of the equipage was arrested for furious driving, but was subsequently released.

Queen street has been alive all day with crowds of Christmas shoppers, and tonight the crowd on this thoroughfare is immense. Merchants report business as exceedingly good.

The first curling match of the season, president v. vice-president, will be played at the curling rink tomorrow morning and afternoon. In the evening the rink will be thrown open to skaters.

Horse racing will be a very strong attraction here tomorrow. For the past few weeks the speedy ones have been getting into shape, and some lively and interesting brushes are anticipated.

Six more Fredericton soldiers arrived today and were heartily welcomed. They are Sergeant Alfred Sheldon, Privates Jas. Tennant, John Wand, Jess. Stevenson, Wm. Elie and James Robertson. It was not generally known until shortly before the hour at which the train is due (9.30) that the boys

were coming, and consequently there was not so large a crowd at the station as on previous occasions. There was, however, a very representative gathering, including the mayor and Lieut. Col. Dunbar and several officers of No. 4 R. C. R. I. Lieut. Col. Loggie and several officers of the 71st battalion and several of the war veterans who returned previously. All joined in vigorous cheering at the first sight of the boys, and each was in turn welcomed by the mayor and military officers. They were afterwards driven to the R. C. R. I. barracks in a procession, headed by the life and drum band of that corps, and after being received there with cheers and treated to light refreshments were driven about the town for a while and then to the Barker House, where they were entertained at lunch. Mayor Beckwith presided, and about thirty were present, including his officers, Coda, Dunbar and Loggie and Aldermen Smith, Moore and Merrithew. The six returned soldiers replied suitably.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Jos. Myhrall died at her home on Regent street this morning from pneumonia, aged 70 years. Deceased had been ill only two weeks. Her husband, two daughters and six sons survive.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 23.—The death occurred at Harvey this week of Mrs. Carter, mother of Mrs. May, who was about 70 years of age. The burial took place at Waterside.

The steam grist mill of C. L. Peck has opened for the season. The mill is one of the finest in the province.

On Thursday evening a successful concert was held in the church at Upper New Horton. The programme consisted of choruses and exercises by the Sunday school, addressed by Rev. Mr. Fletcher and the chairman, Abner Reid, and readings by Miss Julia Brewster and A. M. Lewis. The proceeds amounted to \$38.

Leander Elliott has moved into the residence lately vacated by A. C. M. Lawson.

Misses Julia Brewster, Orpah West, Mamie Stewart, and about 100, Moore, teachers, are home for the holidays.

NEW HORTON, Albert Co., Dec. 21.—A concert and basket social was held last evening at the New Horton church, and was well attended. The proceeds amounted to \$38, which go towards a new library for the Sunday school.

The semi-annual examination was held this afternoon and was largely attended. The children showed by their ready answers that their teacher, Ethel Duffy of Nauwigewauk, Kings Co., has spared no pains in town last week. The three places most worthy of mention in the entertaining part of the programme were a dialogue by Lidia Wilbur, Truman and Archie Copp; a song, The Rainy Day, by five little girls, and a recitation by Robb and the children. The children made their teacher a present of a very nice cup, saucer and cake plate. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. V. Copp, and was thankfully received by Miss Duffy, who made some very appropriate remarks for their kindness and respect towards her. Miss Duffy's sojourn has been a very pleasant one, and she will be greatly missed by the young people. As she leaves for her home all wish her every success in the future.

WHITE'S COVE, Dec. 20.—Bridget Reardon, widow of the late John Reardon, of White's Cove, died at the residence of her stepson, John D. Reardon, White's Cove, on Tuesday after a short illness of paralysis, aged 64 years. Mrs. Reardon, whose maiden name was Scullion, came from Ireland in the year of 1854 and went to Bellefleur where she lived until she was married, when she moved to this place, where she resided until her death. She was a member of the Roman Catholic church. Her remains were interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery this morning.

A large quantity of hay is being hauled from the intervals at Jemseg by farmers here.

The cold snap of last week froze Frank Lake over, and the ice is now safe for teams.

One night last week some evil disposed person broke open the school house at Robertson's Point and did a considerable damage to the school room and furniture.

Very little cordwood is being cut in this section as yet, but a large quantity of logs and scantling is being hauled in to the Little Lake.

McADAM JUNCTION, Dec. 24.—The advanced department of the McAdam school held its examination on Friday afternoon. After a short review of the work of the term a programme was carried out as follows: Recitation by Dora Burpee, The Open Door; dialogue, The Irish Schoolmaster, Mack Perkins, James Gardner and Charles Brannen; recitation, Smiling the Rock, Sandy Burpee; dialogue, The Queen Fish, Charles Brannen, James Gardner; recitation, Bingen on the Rhine, Charles Evans; dialogue, Aunt Jemima's Money, Dora Halet, May Wise, Ara Green, Lina Perkins; recitation, The Last Hymn, Glen Ward, assisted by Bessie Burpee; My Picture, Harry Kerr; The Heavenly Guest, Bessie Burpee. The visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the examination.

On Friday a number of the young folks spent a very pleasant evening in a surprise party at Mrs. W. Week's, the occasion being the anniversary of Mrs. W.'s birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins entertained the scholars of the advanced department on Friday evening. The time was pleasantly spent in games of various kinds.

Mrs. Marston of Benton is visiting her brother, L. Wright of McAdam. Through the exertion of a few led by Miss Annie Hoyt a Christmas cantata was prepared and given in the church on Saturday evening. A Christmas tree with a treat for the children was provided. Santa Claus in full regalia appeared on the platform and took a hand in the exercises, and at the close of the programme assisted in distributing the treat. Miss Bessie Burpee, who has been organist at the Baptist church, was presented with a handsome ring by the members of the congregation as a token of their appreciation of her services.

Rev. Mr. Kierstead, who has been

studying in Chicago, spent Sunday, 23rd, at McAdam. He preached morning and evening and was listened to with close attention.

Miss Annie Hoyt, teacher of the primary department, has severed her connection with the staff of teachers. She was well liked by the pupils and will be much missed by the residents.

Miss Phoebe Hoyt, teacher of the intermediate department, assisted by her pupils, had a Christmas tree and treat for the scholars on Friday afternoon as a closing of the term's work.

SACKVILLE, Dec. 24.—Three extremely handsome electroluxes with several smaller lights were used for the first time last evening in St. Paul's church with fine effect. A further improvement is the enlargement of the chancel circle with the addition of some artistic woodwork. These improvements are largely due to the indefatigable corps of young ladies who at different times have supplied the church with flowers, choir stalls and handsome altar. The choir of St. Paul's have prepared an excellent programme of Christmas music containing an anthem, a carol and solos by J. F. Allison and T. Murray.

Credulous readers of the "Christmas" given at both services yesterday in the Methodist church. In the morning there was a duet by Miss Jean Sprague and Miss Fawcett and the anthem "Christmas Herald," the latter exciting special notice. The choir sang the hymn "Arie, Shine," with a well rendered bass solo by W. Carter.

The Baptist church is as yet sailing the sea without a regular pastor. The pulpit is at present supplied with much assistance by Rev. Mr. Patterson, a former assistant.

The merchants of Sackville have done notably in decorating this year. Specially good are the antique window of Stewart & Co. and the china and shoe display of Geo. C. Ford.

MAUGERVILLE, Dec. 24.—Under the caption of "News and Notes" the Telegraph was informed in the issue of Dec. 22nd that "the apple outlook as a whole remains good," than the corn acreage is the largest ever reported, with all indications for a heavy harvest, that "the condition of the oat crop on July 1 was slightly below the average for ten years."

Dr. Philip Cox, Sergt. Cox, Major Cox, Mathew Cox, Miss Maggie Cox, the Miss Ida and Lilly Sharkey and Miss Gertrude Killeen came over from Chatham yesterday to spend a short season at home. The Misses Mable and Maude Brown are also home for their holidays. Miss Maude Brown will not return to Lakeside Corner again to teach school, but rumor says Co. has spared no pains in town last week. The three places most worthy of mention in the entertaining part of the programme were a dialogue by Lidia Wilbur, Truman and Archie Copp; a song, The Rainy Day, by five little girls, and a recitation by Robb and the children. The children made their teacher a present of a very nice cup, saucer and cake plate. The presentation was made by Mrs. E. V. Copp, and was thankfully received by Miss Duffy, who made some very appropriate remarks for their kindness and respect towards her. Miss Duffy's sojourn has been a very pleasant one, and she will be greatly missed by the young people. As she leaves for her home all wish her every success in the future.

CLARENDON STATION, Dec. 24.—The annual Christmas bazaar, held in the hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, for the purpose of raising money to repair the school house. Owing to the fine night and exceedingly good sleighing the house was crowded. The programme consisted of recitations, kindly given by the scholars of the school, and songs and choruses. Mrs. Noble Johnson presided at the organ, while F. Monaghan of St. John played the violin accompaniment. A good time was enjoyed by all, and the sum of \$31 was realized.

Messrs. Barnhill and Cushing of St. John are carrying on an extensive lumber business in this place. Upwards of eighty men are employed. Nearly all of them returned to their homes on Saturday to spend Christmas with their families.

SHEPHERD, Dec. 22.—Alderman McMullen of north end, St. John, has a team hauling lumber this winter at Upper Gagetown.

Robert Cox, who died at Newcastle this week, was the possessor of a good farm, a mill and an extensive coal mine which will now be disposed of, and the proceeds from the sale will be divided among his sister's family.

There is a good demand in these parts now for teams among the lumbermen. Pressed hay is in more demand than it has been for some years past.

W. Duncan Bridges of Tilley's Landing has been taking the advantage of the heavy fall of snow to break into harness his six year old colt—Sandy Morris. He is a good one.

The officers and deck hands of the Star line steamers, who have been working on the coast, arrived at their Sheffield homes today via Fredericton.

ANDOVER, N. B., Dec. 24.—Ezekiel Hutchinson, one of the grand old men of Victoria county, passed away at his home on Friday last, aged 80 years. Mr. Hutchinson when a young man came to this county from Wicklow, Carleton Co., and settled on the Tobique river, and for many years was extensively engaged in farming and lumbering. Some fifteen years ago he moved from the Tobique to Perth Centre and afterwards to Andover. He leaves a widow and three children—Penwick Hutchinson of Glendon, Minn., Mrs. Alonzo Fisher of Midland, Texas, and Mrs. Carrie Armstrong of Perth Centre. Mr. Hutchinson was a prominent and influential citizen, and was loved and respected by all. The funeral on Sunday was an unusually large one, and was conducted by the Masonic brotherhood, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. Spicer Gregg held a short service at the house, assisted by Rev. W. Demmings. Deceased was buried in the Methodist burying ground

alongside of his son, who was killed six years ago at Plaster Rock. Mrs. Hutchinson and family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. Among those from a distance who came to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ebbett of Houston, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutchinson, Miss Helen Hutchinson and Robert Hutchinson of Wicklow; Mrs. Samuel Vandyne, Tobique river, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher, Fort Fairfield, Me.

The schools closed on Friday. A large number of visitors were present at the closing exercises. The principal, Arthur Shea, has gone to his home in Fredericton for the vacation.

C. Le Baron Miles, C. E., has returned from Campbellton to spend Christmas with his family.

Andover can boast of a number of college students. Those home for the vacation are Harold Perley and Roy Murphy of the U. N. B.; Herbert Baird, Miss May Green, Perth Centre, Miss Laura Hopkins, Arnostook Junction, of the Wolfville institutions; Miss Lena Baird of the Royal Victoria, Seminary, Montreal, and Charles Hopkins, Arnostook Junction, of McGill Medical College.

James E. Porter, M. P. P., is to start his new grist mill after Christmas.

The sleighing is good, the weather is fine, and the stores are doing a good Christmas trade.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Dec. 24.—The young ladies of the junior class of the Campbelltown school held a social and refreshments on Tuesday evening in the new hall. The sum of \$24 was realized at the sale.

The parsonage that has been built during the summer at Wilson's Beach is about completed, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Prosser, and family will occupy it this year. The house is a fine building, and merits an industrious congregation who have been successful in raising the money to build it.

Work has begun in the lobster factory here owned by E. A. Holmes of Eastport.

Capt. Shepherd Mitchell is to sail a yacht for the Kuhn family around the West Indies, where that family intend to spend the winter.

Word has been received here announcing the death of James Roseveid of New York. Mr. Roseveid owns a fine cottage here, and his beautiful yacht for a number of summers has graced the waters of Passamaquoddy.

SALMON ORBIEK, Dec. 24.—Family gatherings and socials are the order of the day.

Wedding invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Nellie Porter and Henry Wishart on the evening of the 26th.

Rev. D. Clark will hold communion service in the Chalmers church the first Sabbath of the new year.

A great many have been suffering from an attack of grippe.

Guyas Hukerman had his hand badly hurt while in the lumber woods.

The special music rendered in the Baptist and Presbyterian churches yesterday reflects much credit to organists and choirs.

SALISBURY, Dec. 26.—The weather here on Christmas was all that could be desired.

A. C. M. Lawson, the new principal of the Salisbury schools, moved here with his family from Hopewell Hill on Saturday. They will occupy the house owned by Mrs. Eliza Smith.

Among the Salisbury boys holding positions abroad who were home for Christmas were: B. A. Lester, travelling salesman for Emerson & Fisher, St. John; Edward Baird, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Sackville, and Robert D. Wilmet, with the J. R. Ayer Co., Sackville.

J. Arthur Macdonald, medical student of McGill University, and Walton Trites, son of Railway Contractor A. E. Trites, studying at Mount Allison College, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Ex-Warden Early Kay has sold his small grocery business here to Valentine Burnham.

Rev. Frank Patterson, son of the late Henry Patterson, is spending some days here looking after the winding up of his father's estate.

Sectional Engineer George Wilmet, who met with a severe driving accident while in Moncton last Sunday, was brought home by train on Monday morning. He has had a bad shaking up and will likely be confined to the house for several weeks.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 26.—John Higby was fatally shot yesterday by the accidental discharge of a fowling pistol, company in his hands. Higby was standing four paces from the gun and the charge tore a gaping hole in his side, which emptied his body of blood. Higby was twenty-seven years old and leaves a widow and child.

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His friends here are pleased to learn that David Burke, formerly of Charlottetown, has been appointed general manager of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance company of Canada. Mr. Burke is a brother of Richard Burke of Charlottetown.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Professor T. P. Hall and Mrs. Hall of Kansas City in the death of their little girl Tora, aged eight years. The mother with her three children had been attending an entertainment, and on their return after leaving the street car upon which they rode and unconscious of the approach of another car in the darkness little Tora was caught under the wheels and sustained the injury of a broken leg. Amputation was necessary, but the shock was so severe that death ensued a few hours later. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of the late John Knight of Souris.

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The officers will be installed at the regular meeting Friday evening, Dec. 28th.

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The death occurred at St. Peter's road, Kings, on the 15th inst., of James K. Ferguson, aged 90 years. He was held in great respect in the community.

The industry of smoking herring, an important industry, is to be started at Georgetown next spring, and buildings to that end are now being erected on a large scale. The promoter is G. P. Newton, a large fish dealer of Grand Manan. He has leased the eastern side of A. A. McDonald Bros' wharf, where buildings are now being erected by Messrs. Gulpille and Brown, who have had a long experience in business in Grand Manan. One building is already completed and will be used for salting and stringing the fish preparatory to the smoking operation. This building contains nine tanks with a total capacity of 600 barrels. There are also two stringing rooms, each of twenty-four by seven.

The whole process of smoking and hardening the fish takes from two to three months. The Georgetown establishment will have a capacity of from 85,000 to 100,000 boxes of the ordinary fish, and from 40,000 to 50,000 of the large fish, which export, principally to the United States, about 8,000,000 boxes annually.

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WANTED.

TEACHER WANTED.—Wanted a Second Class Female Teacher for the coming term for School District No. Four, Fair View, St. Martins, St. John Co. Apply stating lowest salary required, to M. R. DALY, Secretary to Trustees, Fair View, St. John Co., District No. 4, Saint Martins, Dec. 28, 1900.